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HUMAN NATURE IS QUEER

The Same Care is Not Given to Mining Investments as in Other Affairs.

Human nature is queer, but in all the avenues of human endeavor none offer such remarkable extremes as does the field of mining operation. We will endeavor, however, to confine our research to the freaks, fancies and fads of an investor in mining shares.

The freak in human nature often shows itself when a person buys the shares of a company that has no practical excuse for ever expecting to be successful, in fact, the plan or proposition offered may be absolutely worthless, still this person fancies he has made an investment, and he places the shares in his safe in about the same manner he would a lottery ticket, expecting at some future time to be notified that he had become wealthy over night. We do not take the stand that such results are impossible. On the other hand, we are very reliably informed that a certain well known copper mine that has since paid enormous dividends was originally started as a wild cat scheme. But even so, the chances are very much against success, and nothing but bull-headed luck will ever save the man who so carelessly places his surplus capital in a freak company.

The old saying that "A fool and his money soon part" is no better exemplified than in the manner some people buy mining shares.

There are few men, either in or out of business, today but what have bought mining shares at some time, and fully ninety per cent. of these do not now, and never did know, anything about the property owned, and some even do not know where it is located and worst of all consider it a "flyer" and do not give it any consideration, in exactly the same manner they would in buying a lottery ticket. In consequence of the loose manner in which people invest, the polished promoter goes on with his end of lottery in the same loose manner, always seeing, however, that his own pockets are well filled whether any development work is done or not. Now, if these people would use the same common sense they exercise in making an investment in an industrial or commercial line, there would be less excuse for looking upon mining as a gamble, and in turn there would be less failures, and in the end less prejudice against the business. What would you think of a man who would decide in his office in Boston to open a branch bank in Omaha without going out to look over the ground, and would send some relative who knew nothing about banking to run the business. There is no doubt but what it would result in failure, yet that is just what hundreds of people have done and are now doing in mining operations, and then they call it "investing in mining." Why it is nothing more or less than gambling in mining, certainly not investing.

The question might be summed up in this manner. If one enters the business upon a gambling basis, he must necessarily expect to take a gambler's chance, and as only about one man in a hundred is successful in gambling, so must he calculate if he becomes a gambler in mining operations. In order that mining may become known as a safe and legitimate business, we would advise, even urge, all men to stop gambling in mining and indentify themselves with some company that is honestly endeavoring to develop their property and thereby enter the business as an investor,—its safer.

Given the same careful consideration, there is no business that will show better results for the money invested, and none safer than the business of mining.—Mining Investor.

Mining Properties Sold.

The Westerfield Investment Co. has secured a group of properties in the Manitoba boundary district from the Swede boys. The money was paid over this week. The same company has also secured a group of claims at Grassy Bay in the Manitou.

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THE CHAMPION GOLD MINE

Operations Will Again be Commenced in a Short Time

Hon. Robert Rodgers, minister of public works for Manitoba, was in town this week looking after his interests in this section. He stated that the Champion mine would be reopened in a short time and the development work pushed more vigorously than ever before. This will be good news to the mining and business interests of Rat Portage. The Champion has long been considered a promising property, and with reason, for from probably no other property with the same amount of development has there been so much bullion obtained. Those who are most intimately acquainted with the Champion feel most assured of the richness and permanency of its ore values.

It is also expected that Bullion No. 2, near the Mikado mine, will be reopened within a short time.

Black Bay District.

Alfred Hay of Black Bay, was a visitor to town. Mr. Hay is of the opinion that a boom in mining is on the tapis for the Black Bay section. Claims for copper, covering an area of several miles have been filed with the department and still the hunt goes on. He received information the other day that an expert would arrive early in the season of navigation to examine the old Enterprise mine, with a view to purchasing it for a syndicate of United States people. Black Bay contains many mineral deposits, but the extent or value has never been ascertained of any one of them. Some work has been done on galena prospects, but never sufficient to establish the extent of the deposits. The copper deposits seem to be of a permanent character and promise well. It is expected that an expert from Boston will be on the ground within a few days to report on some of the copper finds.—Port Arthur Herald.

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million dollars, as the company will build ore docks to cost $250,000, besides the shops and other works that will consequently follow the opening of such a mine.

The Atikokan iron range was the joint property of the McKellar Bros. and Graham, Horne and Co., who are the pioneers of all industrial development in this part of the country. Early in the present year two diamond drills were set to work on the range and on their test the sale of the mine was made. The core from the drills showed the high test of sixty-five per cent. of ore and of a quality needed by smelters to manufacture a high grade of bessemer steel. The test proved highly satisfactory from every standpoint as the purchase of the mine shows.

Temporary ore docks will be erected at this place at once as it is the intention of the company to ship seventy-five thousand tons of ore this year. The C. P. R. will build a spur line of forty miles from Carlstadt into the mine.

Sakoose Mine.

The main shaft at the Sakoose is now about 25 feet below the second drifts which are being run at the 200-foot level, and the third levels will be opened up at 300 feet down.

Seven machine drills are now being worked in the shaft and in the different stopes, and the open cut down to the 100-foot level is nearly completed.

A lot of ore is accumulating on the dump, as shipments have ceased for a time, since the spring freshets have injured the track so that a train cannot be run on the Dyment spur. This is, however, only a temporary delay, and the first shipment of ore, after the track is put into running order again, will be a very large one.

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THE BIG NEW PULP MILL.

Work May be Expected to Commence Within the Next Two Months.

Mr. Wm. Margach, Crown timber agent returned this week from a trip to the east. Speaking with regard to the early prosecution of work on the pulp mill, he said he believed work would be commenced just as soon as the preliminary arrangements necessary to the formation of such a large company are completed. Nearly all the gentlemen connected with the Keewatin Power Co to whom the concessions have been granted, are very wealthy men—in the millionaire class,—and therefore the securing of sufficient capital will be comparatively easy for them. They will not find it necessary to wait for the usual routine in the formation of the company, but will proceed as soon as it is possible to secure the very best men to superintend the construction of a modern pulp mill. We presume it is their intention to associate with them a man, who is thoroughly acquainted with every detail of the pulp industry—manufacture, market, etc. All business men will agree that this is just as important as a sufficiency of capital, and we may rest assured that Mr. Jno. Mather and the gentlemen associated with him will secure the best services possible to obtain.

TWINE HOUSE BURNED.

The Sandusky Fish Co., Lose Heavily by Fire This Week.

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contradictive of the above charge has been passed by the Scarlet Chapter and printed in The Sentinel of April 25th.

As "Consistency" is simply Mr. Geo. W. Evans, I have no desire to continue this discussion. The two letters are before the public; they will pass judgment upon their merits.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the printing of this brief reply,

I am respectfully,
JOS. KEEVIL.

The Mikado Mine.

The result of the usual semi-monthly clean-up at the Mikado mine was brought in on Wednesday, in the shape of good-sized gold bricks. Before leaving on his trip to the old country, Manager McMillan stated that the workings of the mine are looking splendid and every month's development work adds materially to the value of the property. Resident Director Deacon went out to the mine Wednesday on the first boat.

A Remarkable Incident.

Bystander, in Weekly Sun: Few more remarkable things have been done in the way of legislation than the act of the Ontario legislature prolonging its own existence. In two cases a British parliament has prolonged its own existence. One was that of the Long Parliament, and was plainly revolutionary, though the parliament thought it necessary to excuse the step on the ground that it was required for the security of the public creditor. The other case was that of the Septenpid Act, passed in 1716, at a crisis of extreme peril, when the Hanoverian government, threatened at once by Jacobite rebellion and foreign invasion, could not venture to run the risk of a dissolution. As a rule the British parliament, instead of prolonging its own existence, has voluntary shortened it, so that it might not seem, by taking its utmost term, to shrink from the appeal to its constituents. A British minister who should prolong the existence of a parliament for his political convenience would assuredly terminate his own. The British parliament, however, being absolute and not bound by a written constitution, unquestionably has the power of prolonging its own existence, as it has that of doing anything else, no matter how eccentric, within the compass of legislation. The legislature of Ontario is not absolute; it is bound by a written constitution which gives it no such power as that which, in the present case, it has assumed. The only power given it in this respect is that of "amending the constitution of the province," and that the act in question is not an exercise of that power is at at once evident.

A CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

Towns Has no Excuse to Back Out if he Wishes a Race.

Champion J. G. Gaudaur received a cablegram from Towns on Tuesday, refusing to row for the championship here unless allowed $250 for expenses. Town's backer, Sullivan, expressed the opinion that the champion was not anxious to row, and in order to disprove this Gaudaur has sent the following cablegram to Towns:

Rat Portage, April 30,

George Towns, London, Eng.—

I will guarantee you £50 expenses for a race here during the month of August for £250 a side. As soon as you cover my $500 now in the Imperial Bank here, articles will be forwarded and money will be transferred to final stakeholder, when articles are signed. Articles must be signed by June 1.

(Sgd) JAKE GAUDAUR.

It will be seen that Gaudaur has given way in everything to Towns except in the choice of a course, and citizens of Rat Portage should feel delighted that the champion is so decided in his views to have the race rowed here.

If Towns is anxious to have a race there can be no reasonable excuse for him to back out now, and if he does not the big sculling event of the year will take place here. It will mean a big thing for Rat Portage, as it will draw a large crowd of enthusiasts from all parts of the continent and advertise the town in a manner impossible in any other way.

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ALGOMA'S BIG IRON CENTRE.

Sale of Atikokan Mine to the U. S. Steel Corporation Generally Believed.—Company Will Spend a Million Dollars.

Fort William, April 30.—Although it has not been given out as a fact it is generally believed here that the Atikokan iron property near this place has been sold to the United States Steel Corporation. The option on the mine was secured originally by the American Steel and Wire Co. and when that concern was merged in the larger corporation it made some delay in the final closing of the terms and it looked at one time as though the whole deal would fall through but today's news from Capt. Sellwood removes about all doubt and the Atikokan iron will become the property of the big corporation.

The purchase and consequent opening of this property by the United States Steel company means more for this part of Canada than any other transaction ever before taken place of a like nature. The price paid is close to $400,000, and means an investment at the mine and in Fort William of a

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$30,000 Fire in Dawson.

Vancouver, May 1.—The steamer Victorian, arriving today from Skagway, brought news of a thirty thousand dollar fire in Dawson, which took place there ten days ago. The fire broke out in a saloon.

The Yukon trails are breaking up in some places and it is expected that navigation will soon open, although it will be later than last year.

The new strikes on Montana and two other tributaries of Indian river are turning out well.

GREATEST IN THE WORLD.

Halifax to be Made One of the Chief Naval Stations of Great Britain.

Halifax, April 30.—Following the announcement that extensive works were to be commenced in connection with the fortifications of Halifax this summer, comes the report, on what is considered the best authority, that Halifax, which has been an imperial military station since 1749, will shortly pass under the exclusive control of the British admiralty.

The intention is to make Halifax one of the greatest naval stations in the world, and in addition to the men of the fleet there will be a reserve of 2,000 sailors and marines, including 600 marine artillerymen. It is proposed to station the regiment known as the Royal Garrison Regiment, at Halifax, which will of course be under the orders of the admiralty, and the army general who has always commanded the station, will be replaced by a British admiral.

The works at Esquimault, which hitherto have been under both the army and navy departments, will be controlled in future solely by the admiralty.

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Mr. Strong, manager of the Sultana, came in from the mine this morning.

Colorado Springs, Colo., April 28.—Carefully compiled statistics by the Gazette show that the gold production of Cripple Creek district up to the close of the present month makes a grand total of over $100,000,000. Gold was first discovered in this camp in 1889.

A Correction.

Rat Portage, May 3, 1901.

To the Editor of the Miner:

Dear Sir,—The publicity given my letter; also the reply by "Consistency" is very much appreciated. I have no desire to appear in defence of any statement made in my letter. Truth needs no defence. Let "Consistency" pick out the statements in my letter that are so heterodox: and show they are in conflict with the Word of God or the constitution and laws of the Orange Association. Let him not forget the "Loyal Orange Association is formed by persons desirous of supporting, to the utmost of their power, the principles and practices of the Christian religion, to maintain the laws and constitution of the country etc." An Orangeman makes the Word of God his sole rule of faith and practice, if he is true to his obligation. The ecclesiastical orders, of this age, are not recognised as such, by the Orange Association: for men who are not members of any church may become Orangemen, if they are Protestants. Protestantism and not sectarianism is the test. Loyalty to God and his country is all that is required of any man, in becoming an Orangeman.

I am also accused of being a "minister of the Disciple church." "Consistency" certainly knew better, for the name of the church for which I minister is painted in large letters on the right and left of the door "Consistency" enters to go to his office.

He also strongly implies I am "using the Order to advance the interest of the church I represent. This accusation has also come from Rev. J.H. Morgan in Rat Portage Methodist of April 1st. I shall simply and most emphatically deny the charge, IT IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE. A resolution

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London is to have a model town. Two hundred and fifty acres of land on the northern side of the city have been purchased, on which the town is to be built at public expense. Broad streets, parks, fine public buildings, dwelling houses constructed after the most approved sanitary and hygienic fashion, and all modern aids to comfort, convenience and even luxury will be prominent features. It is expected to cost over $10,000,000.

A. Douglas, of Royal Crown Soap fame is in town this week renewing old acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Mather were in Winnipeg this week.

Harry Marshall left for Winnipeg Thursday.

W. M. Sleightholm, builder and contractor has his shop over Griffith's blacksmith shop.

J. R. Sword and wife, who spent some months here last summer, were in town for a couple of days this week. They are on their way to Greenwood, B.C., where Mr. Sword takes charge of a mining property.

H. Eager, of Ingolf, was in town Wednesday.

Messrs. A. McLennan, W. Rowley and Dr. Laidlaw went out to Mikado Thursday.

Jas. Duncan, the official organizer of the C.O.F., is in town for a few days.

A.M. Hay left last night on a business trip to New York.

A number of the many friends of Harry Marshall entertained him to a "smoker" at Andy Cuthbert's "Wankigan" in the Scovil block, on Tuesday night. The evening was very pleasantly spent in song and story, and towards the close Mr. Marshall was called to the floor and presented with an address and a handsome amethyst ring by the boys. Mr. Marshall made a very feeling reply in which he said many nice things about Rat Portage boys in general. After wishing the departing guest all kinds of good luck in his new position and with earnest wishes that he would soon return to Rat Portage again, the evening's fun terminated by joining hands and singing Auld Lang Syne.

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Rev. J. H. Morgan has returned from Toronto, where he accompanied the body of the late Mr. Langford for interment.

The memorial service for the late Mr. Langford will be held in the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon next at 3.30 o'clock.

N. McMillan, manager of the Mikado mine, left Wednesday on a trip to his old home in Scotland. He will be absent for some weeks. T. R. Deacon, the resident director of the Mikado, will look after the management of the mine during Mr. McMillan's absence.

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Alban's church had a very successful Century Tea last evening, at which the Girl's Guild were entertained, and a feature of the evening's amusement was the awarding of prizes to the children for needlework. The winners are: Eva Kay, embroidery: Margaret Bunn, lace work: Eva and Vivian Horswill, lace embroidery. Miss Scovil was judge.

The company of chessplayers were entertained at the home of Partington Bros. last Tuesday. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Rev. J. W. B. Page.

The Str. Clipper, of the Whitefish Bay and Shoal Lake Line, made her first trip on Wednesday. During the season she will run regularly to these points. Travellers to the Mikado and Whitefish Bay will this year have all the comforts of a modern steamship. Capt. Kendall will also have the Rambler for the service of parties wishing to go to any part of the lake.

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CANADIAN RESOURCES.

London, (Eng.) Globe: "Were it not that Lord Strathcona is always as careful in measuring his words as in obtaining accurate information before speaking, there might be some to regard the panegyric on Canada which he delivered last night as too largely inspired by patriotism. But all who are acquainted with the latent resources of the Dominion will bear out his opinion that in no other part of the world do more promising opportunities present themselves to the British colonist, especially if he be possessed of a little capital to go on with until the fruits of his toil ripen. There is, practically, no limit to the variety of profitable openings for the right sort of emigrants. Agriculture, mining, fruit farming, fishing and the conversion of timber into pulp for paper-making, are already established industries, while in Ontario and Quebec manufacturers have acquired such a firm footing, that, as Lord Strathcona says, 'it would be difficult to specify any article, from a button to a locomotive, which is not now made in the Dominion.' The climate is severe, no doubt, during winter, but its rigours are largely abated by the methods adopted both inside and outside dwellings, for securing a reasonable degree of bodily warmth. It might not be advisable for people of delicate health to make the venture, but taking it as a whole, the Canadian winter is less trying than that of the British Isles. It is essential, however, that the emigrant should make up his mind for hard and continuous work. There is no room in Canada for 'eight hour a day' stalwarts, and still less for ornamental idlers. Privations have to be made the best of in this campaign for the conquest of independence, and those who have been accustomed to have their wants administered to by others must learn to be self-helpful in all the circumstances of life."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Free Press: The world's champion oarsman, Gaudaur, is wholly within his right in insisting that any challenger of his title shall row him at Rat Portage to determine which is the better man. That Gaudaur, in standing on his right in this matter is far from being actuated by any desire to

Province of Alberta.

Ottawa, April 29.—It is understood that, as soon as the figures of the population in the present census are available, the Government will begin work on a bill for next session, creating a new province, to be called Alberta, and lying east of British Columbia. What is now the Territory of Assiniboia will probably be incorporated with Manitoba.

Historic Ground.

It is to be hoped that the Dominion government will yield to the pressure that has been brought to bear upon them, and purchase the Plains of Abraham.

It was there that the battle was fought that decided the supremacy of the Anglo-Saxons in North America and was the first step towards the establishment of the Dominion of Canada. Many a dramatic and noble tradition hovers over this historic ground. It was there that Wolfe, the young, the noble, the brave, had his name inscribed on fame's immortal scroll, as he fell, leading his men on to a victory that won a continent for his king and country. It was there that the great and chivalrous Montcalm died, in vain attempting to rally the broken legions of France, to face the deadly hail of lead and remorseless advance of the British infantry.

Sentiment is the breath of life to a young nation and noble tradition inspires to deed of high emprire and noble patriotism and it is the bounden duty of a government to see that such a spirit is kept alive in the land.

We have in Canada all too few of glory's landmarks and those that exist should be preserved.

It is therefore to be hoped that the Plains of Abraham, with all its halo of historic fame will be acquired by the government for the people of the country.

A Conscience-stricken Lady.

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MATRIMONIAL TRICKS.

A certain much-quoted wise man of old said that "in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird." But so insidious are the snares that are laid to catch eligible suitors that they are too often unsuspected and undetected, until the fatal matrimonial noose has been tightly tied round the victim's neck.

Perhaps in matters matrimonial the fair sex is more sinned against than sinning; but on the whole the division of forces in this game, in which, as in war, all is fair, is pretty equal. The men tell the lies that bait the matrimonial hook, the ladies act them.

Not every mamma, with a few revolting and marriageable daughters on her hands for disposal is so simple as that dear old lady who fed her daughters largely on a fish diet, because as she ingeniously observed, "Fish are rich in phosphorous, and phosphorous is useful in making matches."

It would take us far beyond our present purpose to attempt to sound all the depths of the deceptive wiles of coquetry, dress and "make-up" by which the over-trustful of the plain and straightforward male sex are beguiled into believing the objects of their—to begin with—merely polite attention, to be worthy of a life's devotion. These are but the natural weapons of the sex, highly polished and deftly wielded by many, though despised and unused by a few.

Some have gone so far as to say that the word "matrimony" is derived from the fact that the state it names is so much a matter of money; and certainly a great many of the snares laid in the path of the unwary bachelors by designing mammas, maidens and widows are financial pitfalls.

It is generally supposed, and not without grounds, that while men in general look twice at a pretty face, and hardly take the trouble to look at a plain one at all, if the plain one has money she is fairly certain to be married long before the penniless beauty; and of course the wealthy beauty is, so to speak, snapped up before she has time to think seriously on the matter. Hence the importance of money as a bait leads to much painful endeavor to appear well off, and to earn the repute of the possession of wealth, as the repute serves the purpose of bait well enough if it can only be kept up until the fateful words have been said at the altar. After that—well, a veil may decently be drawn over the scene.

In a certain small watering place a retired major on the half-pay list had taken up his abode with a view to living as comfortably as possible within his income. Soon after his arrival, he made the acquaintance of a very charming widow, who lived in a nice little house, and appeared to be very comfortable indeed. Of course it was not to be expected that the gallant soldier would give himself away by telling the real reason of his residence in this particular place, and his rather boastful conversation led the widow to believe that he would prove a splendid catch if he could only be secured. It was an easy matter for her woman's wit, sharpened by experience, to devise a plan by which the major might be suitably impressed with the knowledge of her own wealth, without her having to say anything on the subject. She had, as a small reserve in a local bank, the sum of £20, and this she asked the major one afternoon casually, to draw for her as she did not care to go herself, not being conversant with the ways of banks. The major was delighted to oblige, and it so happened that he was sent on the same errand about once a fortnight. This set him calculating, and the end of it was that being thus, as he fondly supposed, the possessor of direct evidence of the little widow's moneyed possessions he proposed and

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trying than that of the British Isles. It is essential, however, that the emigrant should make up his mind for hard and continuous work. There is no room in Canada for 'eight hour a day' stalwarts, and still less for ornamental idlers. Privations have to be made the best of in this campaign for the conquest of independence, and those who have been accustomed to have their wants administered to by others must learn to be self-helpful in all the circumstances of life."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Free Press: The world's champion oarsman, Gaudaur, is wholly within his right in insisting that any challenger of his title shall row him at Rat Portage to determine which is the better man. That Gaudaur, in standing on his right in this matter is far from being actuated by any desire to avoid meeting his antagonist, is proved conclusively by his ready and sportsmanlike acceptance of the condition laid down by the English champion, Towns, who insists on £50 being allowed for expenses if he comes to Rat Portage. If the Englishman wants a race with Gaudaur, he has his opportunity now. If he thinks he can row away from the Canadian, it rests entirely with him to come and do it, and take back with him from Western Canada the world's championship. But there is a well-grounded opinion in this part of the world, that what we have we'll hold, or rather, in this case, Gaudaur will hold it for us. The challenger will have to come west to do battle for the London Sportsman cup, the trophy of the world's championship, which Gaudaur holds at Rat Portage. That cup, the object of the quest of the world's oarsmen, came west some time ago and has come to stay.

Le courier du Canada, one of Quebec's oldest journals, has gone into the newspaper graveyard, says the Montreal Gazette. The paper was a very good one of its kind, that which devoted great attention to the promulgation of opinion. The force it had to contend against were too strong for others also. L'Etendard and Le Canadien were of the same category and had there were others. The call now is for news rather than views, and the cost of providing news is becoming so great that only a few papers in each city can stand it. In many of the older cities all over America there are fewer daily papers than there were ten years ago, and the process of reduction is probably not ended yet.

Preparations for the re-survey of the international boundary are completed and the staff is now gathering in British Columbia. The old boundary marks, save where watercourses define the boundary, have been wiped away by time, water and fire and it is to replace these the survey is being made. The last survey from Lake Superior to the Pacific coast was made 40 years ago. That portion east of this point was made 10 years previously. The party will work east from the Pacific coast.

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Injured His Spine While Lifting, and the Doctors Told Him He Would Never Full Recover—But He Is Once More Free from the trouble.

From the Brockville Record.

In the western section of Leeds county there is no man better known than Mr. Chas. H. Wilcox. He has resided in the vicinity of McIntosh Mills for years, and during much of the time has conducted a very successful saw-milling business. All of Mr. Wilcox's neighbors know that he was a great sufferer for years from a lame back, and most of them know that his affliction has now happily passed away. Mr. Wilcox says he owes this happy release from pain to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and those who know him will not for an instant question the sincerity of his statement. He gives the story of his suffering and subsequent in the following statement:—"One day while working in the mill and engaged in lifting lumber I had the misfortune to severely wrench my back. I was so badly injured that I had to be carried home, and for six months I was practically unable to move, and suffered great torture. The doctor told me that I had injured my spine and that I would never fully recover from its effects. At last I was able to go about again, but was far from being the man I had been before. For years I suffered almost continually from pains in the back, and was unable to lift any heavy weight. At times the pain was so bad that I was unable to work at all, and I was often confined to the house for days at a time. During this time I was treated by four different doctors but their treatment did not seem to do me any good. They told me that owing to the injury to my my back would always be weak. Seeing that the doctors were unable to help me, and having read of the many cures resulting from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, I decided to give them a trial, and procured a supply. Very soon I could see that they were relieving me a little and this encouraged me to continue their use. In all I took about ten boxes and when they were finished my back was as strong as ever. The pains that had racked my body for so many years had entirely disappeared, my back felt as strong as before the injury. It is now two years since I discontinued the use of the pills and in all that time I have not had an ache or pain, so that I may safely say that my cure is permanent. I would advise all similar sufferers to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, for, knowing what they have done for me, I am confident that they cannot be less successful in other cases."

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The Horse Market.

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One gillie holds himself aloof
And also holds my waterproof;
A second gear at hand is set,
Armed with a gaff and landing net,

And keeps an ever watchful eye
On me and on the tempting fly.
All that the angler's heart could wish
Is mine—except, of course, a fish.

—St. James Gazette.

WRECK OF THE ALONZO CHILDS

A Story of Steamboat Life on the Mississippi.

"Believe in ghosts?"

"No."

"Never see one?"

"Never."

"What, not of a dead man?"

"No; never."

"Wait till I pass this bar. I'll surprise you with a fact about a ghost. Yes; the ghost of a steamboat, too, by the great low water bayou."

Kinney turned his wheel with a spasmodic violence and rang the engineer's bells to "slow port" to "fast starboard" and reversed his orders with such rapidity that the mechanic below wanted to know what he meant. Presently we rounded the bend.

"See that corner of the island there?" asked Kinney.

"Yes."

"There's where the bones of old Alonzo Childs are laid."

"Well?"

"An old chap owned a plantation just around Bayou Sara, below here. He had a land boiler and engine and used it for boiling sugar and pressing cane. Colonel Hubbard burned the sugar house as he passed with a detachment of soldiers, but the boiler and engine were saved in a somewhat crushed condition. The old fellow's name was De Soto.

"De Soto put his old engine and boiler on the hull of the Alonzo Childs, and she was made to travel up and down, inside the Confederate lines of course. She went between Port Hudson and Vicksburg. At that time I was a 'cub' pilot on a big steamer, and I used to see her. One day I heard she exploded or snagged, and everybody on board was lost. The circumstances of the disaster no one ever knew. A few bloated bodies and some charred pieces of the old craft's timbers floating down the river indicated the extent of the horror and suggested its terrible details.

"After the war I went west to San Francisco, but three years ago I came back and took up my old business.

"Two years ago I was standing watch alone in the pilothouse. The river was up, and we were pushing the gray, muddy waters aside under the full head of steam. I had just pulled the wheel over to make the bend when ghosts and regardless of Kinney's spook steamboat, when a sharp rap at my stateroom door brought me out of dreamless slumber.

"I say," he said. "It's nearly 4 o'clock, and we are going to pass the wreck. You wanted to see the ghost of a steamboat. I don't want to be alone, and I want a skeptic with me. Light your pipe and sit down."

I did so, while Kinney smoked on till the signal came to start, and presently the wheels of the Baton Rouge once more beat the turbid waters.

Kinney hove the wheel over to port, and the jackstaff of the boat could be seen as the "night hawk" swung for the pilot's eye to sweep the horizon, cut away such little rays of light as penetrated the cottonwood forests on the Louisiana shore.

"I don't see her," said Kinney, turning his night glass one way and another, "and it's ten minutes to 4."

"Don't see what?" inquired a strange voice at my side, and, turning in surprise, for I had not heard any one enter, I could define in the half gray light of the morning the figure of a man with smoothly shaven face, apparently a youth.

"The ghost," said Kinney, still peering out into the space beyond.

"Do you expect any?" asked the stranger.

"Why, I was just telling you— Great God, there she is!"

I looked in the direction he pointed, and, sure enough, about a quarter of a mile away were the red and green lights of an approaching steamer. I knew enough of the laws of the road on water to comprehend that she was coming toward us, and I could also see that she was making tremendous headway. Kinney's eyes, as I saw them flash, were fixed upon her. He neither moved the wheel nor stirred a hand to give warning.

"Kinney," I cried, "that is not the ghost! It is a steamer. It is the White of the Vicksburg line, bound up. She is to pass here about this time. For the love of heaven give the signal!"

I tried to wrest the wheel from him, but a strong arm swept us both aside, and the stranger seized the spokes. There was a jingling of bells, a screeching of whistles, a mad cry of human voices, a leaping of flames over light woodwork that seemed to laugh with joy over the destruction that was being wrought, but over it all I heard one voice in articulate agony whose wild agonizing accents I shall never forget. Then in the flash of flame I saw the person who had uttered it. It was the stranger at the wheel. On his cap band, spelled out in letters of gold bullion, were the words, "Pilot Alonzo Child." He was illuminated by the blaze, and his eyes shone brighter than the fire itself.

"I am punished! My God, is it not enough? I was her pilot! It is the Alonzo Childs!" he screamed.

For a second he towered like a giant high over the eight foot wheel, then throwing his arms above his head, he fell prone upon the floor. Already the glass windows of the pilothouse were crackling with the heat. I knelt beside the prostrate form. There was no heart beat.

I looked up at Kinney. He was standing with his arms folded, his face perfectly calm, but pale as death.

At that moment the flames burst into the pilothouse, and their hot breath blistered my hands as I held them before my eyes. I had no feeling of fear

THE HIDDEN MEANING.

High above the crowded street
Countless wires both cross and meet;
Paths are they for fairy feet.

Shod with lightning from the sky,
Unseen messengers glide by;
What they bear none may descry.

Often, when the wind is strong,
We can hear their wailing song,
Borne those slender threads along.

But, in list'ning, who can say,
As the message glides away,
Whether it be sad or gay?

So in every human breast
Lies some mystery, unexpressed
Even to those one loves the best.

Only we ourselves may know,
As our hurrying life beats go,
Whether it be joy or woe.

—Clara Boise Bush in New Orleans Times-Democrat.

ACCORDING TO LAW

By M. Quad.

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I wasn't a tramp, but I had to become next thing to one in a sense. With my having been ill and out of work for months, with my being penniless and seedy and discouraged, with my asking for a meal here and a bed there as I tramped the highways between London and Liverpool, no one could be blamed for sizing me up as a "professional" and treating me accordingly. I made no complaint of that. What I complain of is the vindictiveness of the English law, its readiness to do up a man simply because he may be poor and unknown. Once let the law lay hands on you, and it is almost a crime to declare your innocence of the offense charged. A thousand men will declare your guilt where one will dare to doubt it.

One night in the county of Warwick, I came upon a farmer who had neither wife nor children, but was living alone on his small holding. His name was Holborne, and, though gruff at first, he finally gave me a hearty supper and the privilege of passing the night in his barn. When supper was finished and he had heard my story, he offered me a pipe, and we sat at his door and smoked and chatted for an hour. It was agreed that I should turn to next morn-

HIS DEAD BODY LAY ON THE GRASS.

ing and work with him in his fields for half a month. While we were chatting a neighboring farmer named Saunders came in and halted for five minutes

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making off, gone to bed, slept all night and been the first to raise an alarm in the morning? And yet I was marched off to jail, and within three days there wasn't a person in the county who doubted my guilt.

I was examined by a magistrate who said I would no doubt get my just deserts, and the police made no move whatever to find any other party. Even the jailer and turnkeys chuckled over the hanging that must result. I told of having heard the quarrel but they said I lied. I told of the arrangements made to go to work for Holborne in the morning, but they smiled in derision.

I was almost ready for the assizes and the hanging when a person whose identity I do not know to this day and who must have been moved by a spirit of fairness sent me a lawyer and gave that lawyer money to work with. Presto change! Why, a born fool could have picked up the threads of the case and cleared me. Within six hours after I had told the lawyer of the quarrel and the man with the catch in his voice they had the murderer spotted. His name was Jamison, and the quarrel was over the lease of the farm, and the club with which he had delivered the blow, having lost his temper, but not meaning to kill, was found in his house. More than that, he broke down and made a full confession, and when the assizes came on he stood in the dock in my place. Nevertheless in setting me at liberty the judge did it grudgingly and with a warning that my crimes must sooner or later find me out, and I was scarcely clear of the courtroom when the humiliated and chagrined police overhauled me and said:

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sugar house as he passed with a detachment of soldiers, but the boiler and engine were saved in a somewhat disturbed condition. The old fellow's name was De Soto.

"De Soto put his old engine and boiler on the hull of the Alonzo Childs, and she was made to travel up and down inside the Confederate lines of course. She went between Port Hudson and Vicksburg. At that time I was a cub pilot on a big steamer, and I used to see her. One day I heard she exploded, or snagged, and everybody on board was lost. The circumstances of the disaster no one ever knew. A few bloated bodies and some charred pieces of the old craft's timbers floating down the river indicated the extent of the horror and suggested its terrible details.

"After the war I went west to San Francisco, but three years ago I came back and took up my old business.

"Two years ago I was standing watch alone in the pilothouse. The river was up, and we were pushing the gray, muddy waters aside under the full head of steam. I had just pulled the wheel over to make the bend when I saw a steamer heading straight for us. It appeared to me that she came out of the bank rather than up the river, and I noticed at the moment that she was a strange craft to me. Well, I blowed once to pass to port and steered off to the west shore. Giving her the advantage of the back water, I watched her, and presently I saw from her whistle two escapes of steam. By that I saw that she had blown twice, although I had not heard the blasts. So I blew twice and reversed my helm.

"Still she came on. There was no noise of escaping steam, no beat of paddle wheels. I heard the piano down in the main saloon. Somebody was playing 'Natalie, the Maid of the Mill.' I heard the discord which I knew must have been occasioned by the first alarm of danger—the sweep of the hand over the keys as the player turned suddenly from the piano. I seemed to see the piano cover swept from its place, the open doors of the stateroons and some chairs thrown aside. So vivid was the picture to my senses that I saw for the moment which of the chairs were broken. In a second I grew old and lived 20 years. I never thought of escape. I could not have escaped had I so chosen. My senses were so alert as to give me a physical pain.

"I opened my eyes a second afterward, and there was no boat—nothing in sight. Only a bland spread of water, a fast flowing current and our boat backing at full speed, while Captain Bixby was yelling from the hurricane deck:

"'What in blazes is the matter?'

"'I don't know how I recovered myself, but I did tell him some way or other that the bell repes had got tangled. I started her ahead then. Now, that was in the afternoon at 4 o'clock—and tell me there ain't no ghosts!'

"'That was a mere hallucination,' I ventured.

"'Was it? Not much. Such things don't happen twice or three times—my more than lightning strikes twice in the same place.'

"'Then you saw her again?'

"'Yes; three times afterward and have never failed to see her when I passed her within two hours of the hour of 4 o'clock, morning or evening. Here comes my relief for dinner. Had yours? No. Sit at my table. It's nearly 4 o'clock, and as we are about to soup to 'wood up' before we round the bend maybe you will see the ghost of a steamer yourself. Seeing's believing.'

Later I was sleeping, oblivious of joy over the destruction that was being wrought, but over it all I heard one voice in articulate agony whose wild agonizing accents I shall never forget. Then in the flash of flame I saw the person who had uttered it. It was the stranger at the wheel. On his cap band, spelled out in letters of gold bullion, were the words, 'Pilot Alonzo Child.' He was illuminated by the blaze, and his eyes shone brighter than the fire itself.

"'I am punished! My God, is it not enough? I was her pilot! It is the Alonzo Childs!' he screamed.

For a second he towered like a giant high over the eight foot wheel, then, throwing his arms above his head, he fell prone upon the floor. Already the glass windows of the pilothouse were crackling with the heat. I knelt beside the prostrate form. There was no heart beat.

I looked up at Kinney. He was standing with his arms folded, his face perfectly calm, but pale as death.

At that moment the flames burst into the pilothouse, and their hot breath blistered my hands as I held them before my eyes. I had no feeling of fear beyond apprehension of physical pain. Death had no terrors for me. Besides, there was no escape. I remember just then Kinney shook me by the arm, and I heard his voice:

"'Say, you will set yourself afire in a minute.'

I opened my eyes. The steamer Baton Rouge, Bixby master, Elton clerk, was having quick dispatch, and my after dinner pipe lay smoking on my knee. Some of its live ash was on the floor, and some had burned my hand just a little, and Kinney said I had been asleep less than two minutes.—Buffalo Enquirer.

Principles For Public Life.

Senator Hoar once gave five points of advice to young men about to enter public life which are well worth remembering. They are:

First.—Do not trouble yourself to court public opinion. People like independence.

Second.—In the second place believe in the strength of righteousness as a powerful political force.

Third.—Learn to judge of men in public as in private by their merits and not by their defects. Eight of the greatest villains in the world were presidents, so the critics said.

Fourth.—Never think you can gain favor of people by departing from the arena that belongs to you as educated men.

Fifth.—Set yourselves strenuously against evil, but do not go out of your way to reform. Remember that faith, hope and charity are the three supreme virtues.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Origin of Baseball.

The origin of baseball, "our national game," is not definitely known, but the first club organized to play it was in New York in 1845. Singularly enough, this club, like the one first organized to promote rowing, was called the Knickerbocker club. After 1851 other amateur baseball clubs began to organize, including the Atlantic, Mutual, Union, etc. In 1857 a convention of delegates from 16 clubs in and around New York and Brooklyn was held. About ten years later, at the annual convention of the National association in 1866, 202 clubs from 17 states and the District of Columbia were represented. The college baseball associations were started about 1862 or 1863. Amateur baseball throughout the Union was at its height in the years 1865, 1866 and 1867. Professional baseball was recognized in 1868, and the first games were played in 1869.—Harper's Weekly.

HIS DEAD BODY LAY ON THE GRASS.

ing and work with him in his fields for half a month. While we were chatting a neighboring farmer named Saunders came up and halted for five minutes, and two others passed on the highway and saluted Holborne with a good evening. It was 10 o'clock before I went to the barn, and, being tired and sleepy, I was soon in dreamland. How long I had slept when I was awakened by the sound of voices in anger I could not say, but I heard what seemed to be a quarrel between Holborne and another man. The voice of the other was high pitched and had a catch in it. It was not a stammer, but a sort of gasp, as if catching his breath. I was not fully aroused, nor did the quarrel continue long.

It was just sunrise next morning when I woke up and turned out. The house was only about five rods away, and after looking about to see if Holborne were in sight I moved along to the house. His dead body lay on the grass before the open door. He had been struck on the head with a club and killed by a single blow. I was upset by the discovery, as you may believe. After touching his face and finding it cold I started off on the run for the nearest farmhouse, half a mile away. The farmer was milking his cow and his wife preparing breakfast, but they returned with me at once, and other neighbors were called, and a boy was sent off to the nearest police station. I told my story to the people, and all believed it, as why should they not when Saunders was among them? And yet when the police came their very first move was to arrest me as the murderer. A tramp had passed the night in the barn. Of course the tramp had murdered the farmer.

If you agree that the police were asses, you will agree that the others were fools. No sooner was I charged with the murder than all turned against me. Saunders suddenly remembered that our conversation was heated as he came up. The two who passed by thought they heard me use threatening language. A farmer whom I had not seen at all the evening before claimed to have come near enough to the house to have heard me ask Holborne for the loan of £2. I was angered, but not frightened. I asked the police to investigate my bed on the straw, and they found it still warm. I asked them to look through the house, and they found nothing disturbed. I asked them to note that the body was cold, and the doctor who was summoned said that life had been extinct for seven or eight hours. Was it to be believed that I had killed Holborne at 10 or 11 o'clock and then, instead of plundering the house and and the man with the catch in his voice they had the murderer spotted. His name was Jamison, and the quarrel was over the lease of the farm, and the club with which he had delivered the blow, having lost his temper, but not meaning to kill, was found in his house. More than that, he broke down and made a full confession, and when the assizes came on he stood in the dock in my place. Nevertheless in setting me at liberty the judge did it grudgingly and with a warning that my crimes must sooner or later find me out, and I was scarcely clear of the courtroom when the humiliated and chagrined police overhauled me and said:

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A Dinner For a King.

The father of Queen Victoria, the Duke of Kent, had no objection to diseenters and, in fact, cultivated intimate relations with a well known Congregationalist minister, Dr. Stoughton, whom he knew both at Windsor and Kensington. The doctor lent the embarrassed duke some money, but refused many invitations to dine at Kensington palace. At length Victoria's father pressed him for his reason, and the doctor explained that he would not accept because he could not entertain in return.

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Items of Local Interest

The citizens of Schriber are considering the advisability of erecting that section in which their village is located into a township. J.P. Boland has taken the initiative steps on behalf of the residents. In compliance with the law Judge Fitzgerald has issued a call for a public meeting to be held at Schreiber on 4th May.

According to the London Times the subscriptions received to April 13 for the establishment of a memorial to the memory of the late Queen Victoria amounted to £50,000.

Mail and Empire: Wm. J. Moran, barrister, of Rat Portage, has been created sheriff, district crown attorney and clerk of the peace for the district of Rainy River in place of the late Mr. Henry Langford. The appointments are made pro tem.

Miss Livingston returned Tuesday from Winnipeg, where she has been visiting for the past month.

The C.P.R. put on the regular summer boat train from Fort William to Winnipeg yesterday.

The first C.P.R. steamer, the Athabaska, from Owen Sound, arrived at Fort William yesterday. The Manitoba will arrive on Saturday and the Alberta on Tuesday of next week.

T. N. Andrews, deputy census commissioner returned to his home in Port Arthur Monday.

M. C. Tyner, of Beaver Mills, was in town yesterday. He is building a new hotel at that point.

The Lord Mayor of Winnipeg has received a letter from Mrs. Gray, 123 Oxford street, Stephney, London, Eng., who wishes to locate her sister, whose maiden name was Emily Geolock and married a D. D. Sutherland.

The wedding took place at La Salle on Monday afternoon of Mr. Paul Sala and Miss Rose B. Brunelle, step-

stroy a great amount of goods and the watering cart can't get on its regular rounds too soon.

The West Superior Telegram says that lumber consumers in the northwestern States will receive a gentle jar within a week in the shape of a rise in the price of high grade or finished lumber.

The anniversary services of the Norman Methodist church will be held on Sunday next. At the morning service Rev. F.T. Tapscott will preach, and in the evening Rev. J.H. Morgan.

Dr. Marshall has removed his dental parlors to the rooms over Hall's dry goods store.

The town street commissioner is doing commendable work in clearing up all refuse from the streets.

Messrs. Lopsdall, Jolin, Dominick and LaRocque, of the Mikado, arrived in town Tuesday by str. Mikado.

The Keenora leaves on her first trip to Rainy River on Saturday evening. She went over to Keewatin yesterday and took on a couple of tons of flour from the Lake of the Woods Milling Co.

Mr. — Emmons, of Montana, is visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Emmons, Second St., and his sister, Mrs. Lakeman. Mr. Emmons was a candidate for the Montana State legislature at the recent elections in that state, and is a prominent man in his section. It is 15 years since he was in Rat Portage, and needless to state he has been greatly surprised at its growth and substantial appearance.

THE Peoples Forum

We do not hold ourselves responsible for any opinions expressed by our correspondents. All letters must be accompanied with name of writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

To the Editor of The Miner:

Dear Sir,—The readers of The Detroit (Mich.) Journal have been served with various statements relative to the Ash Rapids Gold Mining Company and its properties. The first was a long letter from Charles Brent, in which he denounced the company and stated, among other things, that the Boulder group contained no veins and no gold and that he had never made a report on the Ash Rapids group, being mining location S312.

This letter, published in its edition of March 20th, was followed by a refutation from the officers of the company, including the production of Brent's favorable report on the mining location S312, with his signature affixed. Mr. Brent replied to the letter.

The following deadly parallel, taken from the various articles, is published in the interest and fairness at the request of many of the shareholders:

Chas. Brent's Side	The Company's Side
As to the Location S342 he says "I never saw or reported on the property in question."	It produces in answer thereto the typewritten statement which Brent admits he made and signed.
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The president says that these samples were taken from the surface.

But the company claims his motive is fully revealed in the letter of April 8, written from Rat Portage, in which he says:

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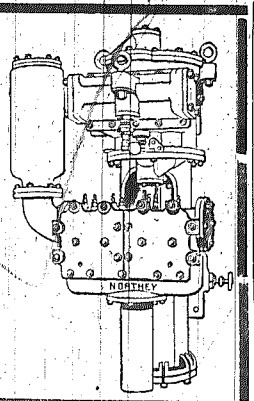

Confucius.

Confucius calls himself a transmitter only, not a maker, believing in and loving the ancients. When speaking of himself, he says: "At 15 I had my mind bent on learning; at 30 I stood firm; at 40 I had no doubts; at 50 I knew the decrees of heaven; at 60 my ear was an obedient organ for the reception of truth; at 70 I could follow what my heart desired without transgressing what was right."

Confucius died in 478 B. C., complaining that among all the princes of the empire there was not one who had adopted his principles, not one who would obey his lessons. This shows—what is in fact confirmed from other sources—that he himself was not an active reformer, so that while alive he scarcely produced a ripple on the smooth and silent surface of the religious thought of his own country. He was, no doubt, in advance of his contemporaries, but he took his stand chiefly on certain verities that had come down to him from ancient times, and his faith in those verities and in their coming revival has certainly not been belied by what happened after his death.

His grandson already speaks of him as the ideal of a sage, as a sage is the ideal of all humanity. But even this grandson was far from claiming divine honors for his grandsire, though he certainly seems to exalt his wisdom and virtue beyond the limits of human nature.—Max Muller in Nineteenth Century.

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David Smith, who has been on a visit to his home in Bonnie Scotland, returned yesterday.

Paul Mosher and A. Lunn, of Fort Frances, are in town and report good times and predict a very bright future for the Fort.

Where Men are Weak.

A woman who has to work for a living has no time to work the men, and the men are such chumps that they have to be worked to be secured. A girl who neglects her work to curl her hair and bat her eyes at the men stands a better chance of winning a husband than the girl that makes her daily work her first object. This is not complimentary to the men, but men are great chumps and every-day occurences prove that they are particularly chumpy so far as women are concerned.

Spokes.

A woman drummer for a St. Louis vinegar manufactory is touring the Northwest on a bicycle and is stumping Parisian bloomers. She sends postal cards ahead of her to the grocers, announcing she will "wheel into town about next week," and asking them to save their orders for her. She is creating a sensation and selling lots of vinegar.

In Texas bloomers are now made with pistol pockets.

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Miss Livingston returned Tuesday from Winnipeg, where she has been visiting for the past month.

The C.P.R. put on the regular summer boat train from Fort William to Winnipeg yesterday.

The first C. P. R. steamer, the Athabaska, from Owen Sound arrived at Fort William yesterday. The Manitoba will arrive on Saturday and the Alberta on Tuesday of next week.

T. N. Andrews, deputy census commissioner returned to his home in Port Arthur Monday.

M. C. Tynen, of Beaver Mills, was in town yesterday. He is building a new hotel at that point.

"The Lord Mayor of Winnipeg" has received a letter from Mrs. Gray, 123 Oxford street, Stephney, London, Eng., who wishes to locate her sister, whose maiden name was Emily Geolock and married a D. D. Sutherland.

The wedding took place at La Salle on Monday afternoon of Mr. Paul Sala and Miss Rose B. Brunelle, step-daughter of Mr. B. Theroux, of La Salle. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Rocan and the happy couple left for Rat Portage to spend their honeymoon.—Winnipeg Tribune.

The gentle rains of heaven have acted as a substitute for the sprinkling cart on two separate occasions lately. But the gentle showers are not likely to continue regularly accommodating, and it behooves someone in authority to heed the urgent demands of the business people on Main, Second, Matheson and Fort streets and protect them from the clouds of dust and microbes which arise with every passing vehicle and every fitful gust of wind. A few dusty days can help de-

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Rat Portage.

This letter, published in its edition of March 26th, was followed by a refutation from the officers of the company, including the production of Brent's favorable report on the mining location S342, with his signature affixed. Mr. Brent replied to the letter.

The following deadly parallel, taken from the various articles, is published in the interest and fairness at the request of many of the shareholders:

Chas. Brent's Side	The Company's Side
As to the Location S342 he says "I never saw or reported on the property in question."	It produces in answer thereto the typewritten statement which Brent admits he made and signed.
He claims it is a letter and not a report.	It is not addressed to any one and bears Brent's heading, "Report on Lucky Strike, S342."
He said "I have never seen Ash Rapids claim S342."	He now admits that he "reported" on S342, as follows (the wording is literally correct): "Two veins are to be seen on the property." "No. 1 vein shows a width of from 3 to 4 feet of solid quartz. A general sample gave an assay of $4.50 per ton." "No. 2 vein exhibits a width of 6 feet of heavy mineralized quartz, which assays on the average, $2.50 per ton."
Brent said that neither vein is traceable into the Mikado property.	E. T. LeClair, president; and Carl G. Neilsen, its treasurer and a wealthy banker of Sandusky, Ohio, swear that Brent informed them that he had traced one of these veins into the Mikado property.
As to the Boulder group he said, "There is no vein and no gold on this property."	The president and treasurer swear that Brent reported to them an assay of $5.50 per ton from ore picked up and pronounced worthless by Manager Gifford, upon challenge by E. T. LeClair that if any ore was found in the Boulder vein which did not carry gold, the finder could have 20,000 shares of his personal holdings of stock. In addition, they exhibit a report made by the professors of the Minnesota State University which gave returns of $88.26 in gold and $1.20 in silver per ton.
	Boulder ore, the average of which was $2.24 per ton in gold. The president says that these samples were taken from the surface.
Brent undertakes to champion the cause of American investors.	But the company claims his motive is fully revealed in the letter of April 8, written from Rat Portage, in which he says: "There are properties here owned by mining companies, the control of which is in some of your (Detroit's) own citizens, who I understand, are floating sufficient of their stock for development purposes among Detroit people."

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The officials of the Ash Rapids Company are congratulating themselves that the relation of Brent as its would-be engineer was terminated before the season's work began, and that thus early he has so completely disclosed his hand.

The American Mining News of Feb. 2, 1901, editorially refers to the famous Alaska-Treadwell mine near Juneau, and states that the enormous dividends are paid from ore that averages only $1.61 per ton in gold.

Considering Brent's report on S342 and the 27 assays made by him on Boulder ore it must be obvious to the reader that he has unwittingly proved that the properties of the Ash Rapids Company rank well with the largest mines in North America.

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"But I insist upon it!" said the lady.

"Well, then," returned the doctor, "as the hinges on my gate are somewhat rusty M. Meissonier may bring his brush and paint them for me."

But Meissonier in the role of a gate painter is not known to history.

The Highest Art.

The word "artistic" has been so misapplied that the majority of people suppose it means something rather disorderly and haphazard. How often literature gives us the prim, precise maiden aunt, with her narrow, intense love of exact outline, and the art loving niece, all on fire with raptures over "color harmonies" and contempt for everything which is not picturesque! Let us give our sympathy, however, to the derided aunt. Craze for color is a lower degree of the sense of beauty than appreciation of symmetrical arrangement. Sculpture is a finer achievement of the intellect than painting. Savages and ignorant children can take pleasure in color display, but only an educated mind is moved through effects of form.—Florence Hull Winterburn in Woman's Home Companion.

Preparing For Moral Suasion.

"Don't you believe in moral suasion?" asked the neighbor.

The indignant father stopped with the switch poised in the air.

"Of course I do," he answered. "I tried it once, and I'm going to try it again just as soon as I lick this boy hard enough so that he'll know enough to be ruled by it the next time I try it. Yes, sir; moral suasion is a great thing, and I'm going to teach this boy how good it is if I have to wale the life out of him to do it. He doesn't appreciate its advantages yet."

A Great Baby.

Tommy—Did you know about that baby that was fed on elephant's milk, pop, and gained 20 pounds a day?

Tommy's Pop (indignantly)—No, I didn't. Whose baby was it?

Tommy—The elephant's baby, pop.—Scraps.

There are only three remaining of the original 13 crosses built by King Edward I to mark the resting place of Queen Eleanor's funeral procession. One is near Northampton, one Waltham Cross, the third at Charing Cross.

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NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to R.S.O., 1897 Cap. 129, that all persons having claims against the estate of the above named William Henry Carpenter, Sheriff, deceased, who died on or about the 26th day of November, 1900, are required on or before the 11th day of May, 1901, to send to Messrs. Langford & Moran, Rat Portage, Solicitors for Clarence Herbert Carpenter, Administrator of the estate of the said William Henry Carpenter, deceased, their full names and addresses and a statement of their claims and proof thereof and the nature of their security (if any) held by them.

And notice is hereby given that from and after the 11th day of May, 1901, the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the estate of the deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have received notice, and the Administrator will not be liable for the said estate or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims he shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution.

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